

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1 (original). A surgical clip, comprising:

a) a first arm;

b) a second arm;

c) a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure;

d) at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms, wherein

said retainer has a length of at least approximately  $\pi$  times the distance between the arms when the arms are substantially parallel.

2 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein: said first arm has a first thickness and said retainer has a second thickness smaller than said first thickness.

3 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein: said at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a

sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

4 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:  
said retainer has a sharp tip.

5 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:  
said retainer is decouplable from said one of said arms.

6 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 5, wherein:  
said retainer is removably coupled to said arms by a  
friction fit.

7 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 2, wherein:  
said at least one deformable retainer extending from one  
of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one  
extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a  
sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same  
length.

8 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 7, wherein:  
said retainers are decouplable from said arms.

9 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 8, wherein:

said retainers are removably coupled to said arms by friction fits.

10 (original). A surgical clip according to claim 9, wherein:  
each of said arms includes an end portion defining a slot, and each of said deformable retainers includes a proximal portion which has a friction fit with a respective slot.

11 to 16 (canceled).

17 (original). A kit, comprising:

- a) at least one surgical clip; and
- b) an applier for applying said at least one surgical clip to tissue, wherein

said at least one surgical clip comprises a first arm, a second arm, a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure, and at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms, wherein said retainer has a length of at least approximately  $n$  times the distance between the arms when the arms are substantially parallel.

18 (original). A kit according to claim 17, wherein:

said at least one surgical clip comprises a plurality of surgical clips.

19 and 20 (canceled).

21 (new). A surgical clip, comprising:

a first arm;

a second arm;

a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure with said first and second arms being substantially parallel to one another;

at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms, said retainer having a length equal to a multiple of a distance between said arms, said multiple being approximately equal to  $n$ .

22 (new). A surgical clip, comprising:

a first arm;

a second arm;

a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure; and

at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms and having a deformable portion, said deformable portion of said retainer having a length of at least approximately  $n$  times the distance between said arms when said arms are substantially parallel.

23 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said first arm has a first thickness and said retainer has a second thickness smaller than said first thickness.

24 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

25 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer has a sharp tip.

26 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer is decouplable from said one of said arms.

27 (new). A surgical clip according to 26, wherein said retainer is removably coupled to said arms by a friction fit.

28 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 23, wherein said deformable retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

29 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 28, wherein said retainers are decouplable from said arms.

30 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 29, wherein said retainers are removably coupled to said arms by friction fits.

31 (new). A surgical clip according to claim 30, wherein each of said arms includes an end portion defining a slot, and each of said deformable retainers includes a proximal portion having a friction fit with a respective slot.